THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Views of the Members of the Industry and Trade Advisory Council with regard to various aspects of the economic situation and their suggestions exhibited a certain element of diversity. However, in general, Members of the Council have been in agreement with PM's assessment of the economic situation in the country, brought to their attention in the course of PM's remarks to the Council.

(c) and (d) As per the data from the latest large survey on household consumer expenditure of the 55th Round, the number of people living below the poverty line in the country in 1999-2000 is 26 crore. The number of persons not getting enough food everyday throughout the year estimated from the same survey is 3 crore in 1999-2000.

(e) There is a three-pronged action to alleviate and reduce the poverty in the country. These are: (i) acceleration of economic growth, (ii) human, and social development through literacy, education, health, nutrition, meeting of the minimum needs, elevation of social and economic status or the weaker sections of the society, etc. and (iii) direct attack on poverty through employment and income generating programmes and assets-building for the poor.

Per capita income

†2463. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that average annual national per capita income has been assessed as 15,562 rupees in the country;

(b) if not, the actual per capita income;

(c) the year for the assessment of the income;

(d) whether Government have identified the citizens with lesser income vis-a-vis national average income in various States; and

(e) the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The per capita income measured in terms of Net National Product at factor cost at current prices for the years 1999-2000, 2000-01, and 2001-02 is Rs. 15562, Rs. 16487 and 17736 respectively as released by the Central Statistical Organisation in their revised estimates of national income 2001-02.

(d) The Government does not conduct surveys on the basis of per capita income.

(e) A Statement giving per capita Net State Domestic Product at Current Prices for the year 1999-2000, (the latest year for which the information is available for most States) is enclosed.

Statement

Per capita Net State Domestic Product at Current Prices for the year 1999-2000

Sl. No.	State	Per Capita NSDP (Rs.) (Q)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14878
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	13352
3.	Assam	9720
4.	Bihar	6328
5.	Goa	NA
6.	Gujarat	18685
7.	Haryana	21551
8.	Himachal Pradesh	15012
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	12338
10.	Karnataka	16343
11.	Kerala	18262
12.	Madhya Pradesh	10907
13.	Maharashtra	22604
14.	Manipur	11370
15.	Meghalaya	11678

Sl.No.	State	Per Capita NSDP (Rs)(Q)
16.	Mizoram	NA
17.	Nagaland	NA
18.	Orissa	8733
19.	Punjab	23043
20.	Rajasthan	12513
21.	Sikkim	13356
22.	Tamil Nadu	18623
23.	Tripura	10213
24.	Uttar Pradesh	9765
25.	West Bengal	15569
26.	A&N Island	NA
27.	Chandigarh	46347
28.	Delhi	35705
29.	Pondicherry	30768
	All India (NNPfc)	15562

Note: NA Not Available Q Quick estimates

Estimates from 1993-94 are supplied by the Directorate of Economic and Statistics of respective State Governments. All India estimates are prepared by Central Statistical Organisation.

Per capita income of various States

†2464. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there exists a big gap in per capita income in the various States;

(b) if so, the per capita income in each State during the year 2000-2001; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.